

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed March 8, 2004. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1-17 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-17 were rejected. Applicants amend Claims 1-3, 6-9 and add Claim 18.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5 and 7-17 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0139975 filed by Thomas J. Perkowski ("Perkowski").

Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Claims 1 and 7 (the independent claims) have been amended, such that they are easily distinguishable from the teachings of Perkowski.

Claim 1 as amended, recites that the text data is extracted from "broadcasted" communications. These include newsgroups, discussion forums, and mailing lists. The communications are "broadcasted" in the sense that they are delivered to all participants of the newsgroup, discussion forum, or mailing list.

In contrast, Perkowski teaches the extraction of data from emails. These are one-to-one communications between consumers and retailers.

Furthermore, Claim 1 as amended, recites that the output of the text server is at least one document from the text sources, as well as a link to that document. As defined in Claim 1, the text sources are generated by the participants.

In contrast, and as stated by the Examiner, Perkowski teaches that the output may include information about Web documents that were accessed by consumers. However, these are not the same as documents generated by consumers.

In sum, Perkowski teaches the use of text sources that are different from the present invention. The output generated by Perkowski is also different from the output of the present invention. Specifically, the email text sources of Perkowski are not multiple-participant-generated text sources as in the present invention. Also, the output of the server is not a link

to a such documents. Perkowski neither teaches nor suggests a system of method to mine such documents.

Claim 7 has been amended in a manner similar to Claim 1.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Perkowski as applied to Claims 1-5 and 7-17 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,034,970 issued to Ronald A. Levac et al. ("Levac et al.").

Claim 6 is dependent on Claim 1, and is allowable for the reasons stated above.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, along with a check in the amount of \$180.00, for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicants submit that the references in the attached Information Disclosure Statement are newly cited references in co-pending patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants enclose a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time along with a check in the amount of \$210.00 for the filing fee (Small Entity), and enclose a check in the amount of \$385.00 for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).

Applicants believe there are no further fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2634.

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4. Change of Correspondence Address Form